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SHUTTLE PRICING

NSDD 144, National Space Strategy, directs that on October 1, 1988, prices for Space Transportation System (STS) services and capabilities provided to commercial and foreign users will reflect the full cost of services and capabilities. NASA was directed to develop a time-phased plan for implementing full cost recovery and OMB was directed to chair preparation of an interagency assessment of the ability of the U.S. private sector and the STS to maintain international competitiveness in the provision of launch services. Subsequent to the issuance of NSDD 144, the Commercial Space Working Group under the Cabinet Council on Commerce and Trade (CCCT) initiated a review of the Shuttle pricing issue.

Because of the impact of the Shuttle pricing issue on the overall U.S. Space Program, the Senior Interagency Group (SIG) for Space will assume lead responsibility on this issue, including the preparation of briefing papers and the NSDD for my consideration. The SIG(Space) Working Group, chaired by the NSC staff, will use the NASA time-phased plan, the OMB assessment, the CCCT/Commercial Space Working Group review and any other relevant material as the basis for framing the issue and identifying appropriate options. The CCCT Commercial Space Working Group will review the NASA Shuttle pricing proposal with regard to its impact on commercial activity in space. The CCCT will be briefed by the SIG(Space) on the results of this effort, and comments will be solicited from all agencies prior to my review.

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